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LOCAL NEWS

■ The 64th Texas Citrus Fiesta Parade will take place at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Mission on Saturday. Clowns, politicians, horses, cowboys, soldiers, bands, and others will entertain the crowd. Mission is the official "Home of the Grapefruit." The annual parade features floats decorated with slices of citrus and is a Valley favorite, especially among Winter Texans. "Queen Citrianna" presides over the parade. A Fiesta Fun Run will take place at 10:30 and the parade will be followed by a Fun Fair in Lion's Park. This year's Queen Citrianna is hot!

SPORTS

■ Jennifer Capriati upset Australian Open defending champion Lindsay Davenport in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 on Wednesday. Capriati raced to an early lead in her semifinal against Davenport, winning the first set. Capriati, the 12th seed, broke second seed Davenport in the second game and quickly built a 3-0 lead on a hot and humid center court at Melbourne Park. A sluggish Davenport won only one point in the opening two games and appeared to have few answers to her U.S. compatriot's heavy groundstrokes. The winner will play either top seed Martina Hingis or third seed Venus Williams in the final.



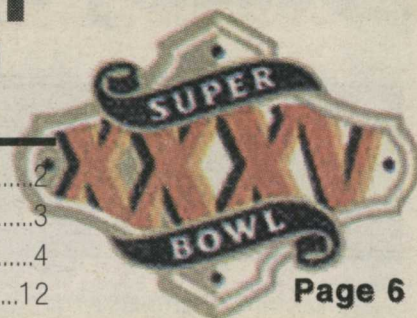
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Cashing in on crowds

Cuellar: 'Graduate classes are not important in this university'

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz
The Pan American

More than one hundred courses are overenrolled and another 589 sections are at maximum levels in the more than 2,500 classes and laboratories offered at UTPA.

According to statistics reviewed by *The Pan American*, enrollment in 122 classes exceeds so-called "maximum" levels. UTPA's Office of Institutional Research provided class size listings for the semester, as of January 22, 2001, showing seating limits set by departments and the actual number of students enrolled so far.

In total, 242 students are overenrolled for 733 credit hours. Of the 122 overenrolled classes, 5 are graduate courses and 7 are labs required as part of four-hour courses, while another two labs are independent, one-hour credit labs.

Most administrators did not respond to requests for interviews by *The Pan American* in time for publication. However, during a prior interview, Dr. Michael Weaver, chair of the English department and the Anthropology & Philosophy department, called the limits, "department-assigned maximums", meaning individual departments are responsible for the overenrollment.

"I just don't want to have to tell

these kids, 'No,'" said Israel Cuellar, UTPA psychology professor, echoing the sentiments of other educators. "They need the hours. They need to graduate."

Some students and professors questioned whether the university is more interested in raising money than they are in providing academic support or maintaining a reasonable level of safety.

"What's going on is, graduate classes are not important in this university," Cuellar said. "We had

a class this summer that was being cancelled because grad classes are only 5 students."

Cuellar said administrators tried to get rid of the classes to make room for larger undergraduate courses, which would bring in more

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Overenrolled Classes Spring 2001

Department	Overbooked classes	Classes extra 2+ students	Total # of extra students
Education	4	3	15
Spanish	5	3	8
Kinesiology	14	8	40
Psychology	15	5	23
Math	16	8	39
English	23	13	53

Source: Office of Institutional Effectiveness, UTPA (as of 1/22/01) and from staff reports. Graphic: Gabriel O. Hernandez, Daniel Garcia Ordaz



THE BIRD HOUSE: Construction workers continue work on the baseball stadium on Schunior and Sugar Roads. The stadium will be home to the expansion Edinburg Road Runners.

—Ileana Garcia-Spitz/The Pan American

Enrollment problem magnified in microscopy

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz
The Pan American

The problem of overenrollment is affecting professors as well as students.

Dr. Anxiu Kuang, assistant professor in biology, teaches electron microscopy. Her intent was to teach ten students in two labs, but her department disagreed.

Kuang has 14 total students: 11 undergrads and 3 grads. While the students are actually signed in for two separate courses, she actually teaches all 14 together, including one lecture and one lab course.

Teaching more than ten students at a time is not what Kuang envisioned when she took a teaching position here.

"My proposal was 10 [undergrads] and 4 [grads]," she said. "I'd like to take five students for each section."

According to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, the biology department requested 6 lab seats in the undergrad section and 3 in the grad section: 9 total.

However, the department set 10 undergrad students and 6 grads as "maximums" in the lecture section: 16 total. Consequently, 14

students sit in the same class and lab.

Technically—on paper—her grad lecture class is not overenrolled (3/3), like her undergrad class (1/10); but juggling 14 students into one lab course is proving difficult.

Kuang said she has no "technician"—a common assistant found

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Opinion

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Editor's Thoughts

Trippin' on Sunday over Monday and a makeshift cafeteria for \$60

Lets take the day off

Many people take trips on Super Bowl Sunday. Some travel as far as three or four hundred miles to be with family and friends for the big game.

This may sound strange to alot of you, but it's the truth. Alot of football fans plan there Super Bowl trips months in advance. Some even travel to the site of the Super Bowl. This year the destination is Tampa Bay, Fla.

Saying that, let me make an argument for all the super fans out there: The Monday after the Super Bowl should be a national holiday.

Now why would anyone want to make that Monday a holiday?

A lot of people already miss work or school that day. They may miss because they're hung over or, like everyone else, they use the Monday as a travel day.

Now the odds that Dubya is going to make the day a holiday is far fetched, but the idea itself isn't.

We could even get rid of an existing holiday. I volunteer Columbus Day. Call me crazy, but why do celebrate a man who killed thousands of Native Americans. The guy wasn't even a good navigator.

He bumped into, not discovered, America by accident on his way to India.

Many people would appreciate having the day off on Monday.

It already has the makings of a holiday. For one it's overcommercialized. Almost as much as the Big Three: Christmas, Hollween and Valentines Day.

Advertising for the Super Bowl begins during the pre-season, but the bulk gets noticed after the conference championships.

Also, the biggest winners over the weekend are going to be the corporations and CBS. It's only fair that if they make all that money we should get Super Bowl Monday off.

It's not a cafeteria

Let's get one thing straight. I don't have it in for the Student Union or its director Sam Smith, but if they did what they were supposed to, they would not get all the attention they don't want.

If you haven't been to the Student Union lately, you haven't seen what should be the convenience store converted into a makeshift cafeteria.

That's not what the room was intended for. Just because there are tables all of

a sudden, and students are sitting on them, doesn't mean the room is finally being put to use.

Students have now paid 60 dollars and they deserve a completed Student Union.

And complete doesn't mean an empty building with doors wide open. It means having games in the gameroom, restaurants where they belong and t.v.s in the t.v. lounge before the building even opens it's doors.

Sixty dollars is a lot of money to a lot of people. You may not be able to buy a book at the bookstore with that money, but we can pay a babysitter while we're in class.

Students will never get that money back, but at least we finally have something in there.

by Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

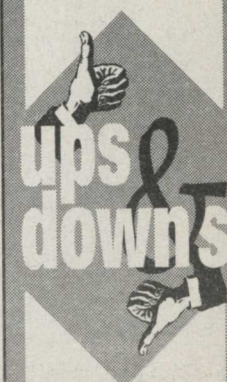


■ Thumbs up to defensive football teams in the Super Bowl.

■ Thumbs up to Super Bowl commercials.

■ Thumbs up to professors that care.

■ Thumbs up to people who apply to The Pan American.



■ Thumbs down to small T.V.s on Super Bowl Sunday.

■ Thumbs down to not showing of "Billy Elliot" in the Valley.

■ Thumbs down to newspapers left in the bin.

■ Thumbs down to losing streaks.

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BRONC Talk

Should the Monday after the Super Bowl be considered a holiday?

—Gabriel Hernandez



Edgar Lava
Physician's Assistant
Junior

No. It's just a game. It shouldn't get in the way of everyday life.

Randy Gonzales
Management
Junior

Yeah, why not. Everybody wants an extra day off.

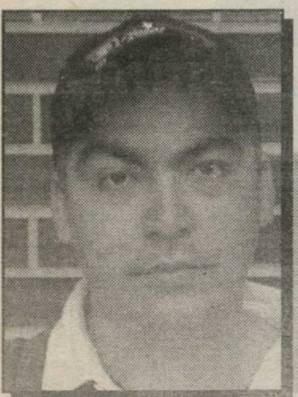
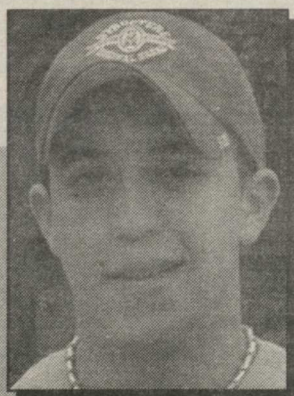


Jennifer Molina
Psychology
Junior

No. It's just another football game.

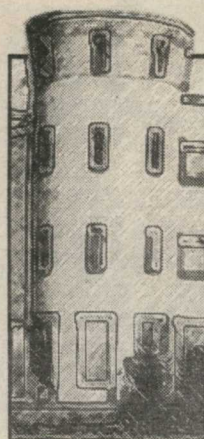
J. R. Luna
Undecided
Freshman

I don't think so. Just for the fact that not as many people celebrate it as much as Christmas or Thanksgiving.



Felix Ramos
Accounting
Sophomore

To me it's not important. I have other things to do. Besides, I don't like football.



Campus

news briefs

UTPA hosts international conference on health issues

Special to The Pan American

UTPA will host the third international Conference on Health Issues March, followed by a three day National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute grantwriting workshop.

The one day conference provides a forum of international exchange of health related information and research. It also brings together physicians, health educators, nurses and

other health care providers for possible future collaboration in health care research, service and education.

Internationally known speakers will present new research related to health issues affecting the world, especially diseases prevalent in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Mexico. Experts in diabetes, infectious disease and cancer highlight the agenda, along with a panel of experts from Mexico and the United States who will discuss health economics.

The three-day grants and contracts workshops will provide colleges, universities and institutions with substantial minority student enrollment, the expert training and consultation to negotiate and secure NIH projects.

It also will provide opportunities for partnerships that enhance teaching, research and community development at Hispanic Service Institutions, Tribal and Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the communities they serve.

Ohio State professor visits UTPA, discusses research perspectives

Special to The Pan American

Dr. Patti Lather of Ohio State University, a professor in educational policy and leadership and women's studies, will lecture Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. at The University of Texas-Pan American Student Union Theater.

Sponsored by the UTPA Educational Leadership Doctoral Program and the Hispanic Border Leadership Institute's Enlace Educativo Speaker Series, Lather will discuss "The Possibilities of Paradigm Proliferation in

Educational Research." The event, which includes a question-and-answer session, is free and open to the public. Lather has participated in numerous professional activities and received several grants and honors, including the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, Ohio State University's highest teaching honor. She obtained a bachelor's degree in English from South Dakota State University, a master's in American Studies from Purdue University and a doctorate of philosophy in curriculum and instruction from Indiana University.



PATTI LATHER

University Gallery hosts new exhibit

Special to The Pan American

The UTPA University Gallery in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building is host to "Homo Mechanicus Defectio (Human Mechanical Defects)," an exhibit by Lenard Brown, through March 4.

A reception for Brown, UTPA assistant professor of art,

will be held tonight from 7-9 p.m. in the University Gallery in the Communication Arts and Science building.

The exhibit consists of large prints and mixed media on paper, along with some plates Brown uses in his work. He is interested in functional objects and how they represent things people either do or need to be

doing.

This is Brown's first year at the University. Originally from Henderson, Texas, he received his bachelors degree from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and a masters from Ohio State University.

Admissions to all exhibits is free and the galleries are open Monday through Friday.

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Plumber Jaime Rivera repairs a broken water line on Wednesday West of the Student Union Building.

— Eladio Jaimez/The Pan American

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STD check-ups increase after school breaks

College students seek treatment more frequently following from summer, Christmas, Spring Break

UTPA's Daniel Garcia Ordaz, a senior biology major, said following the summer, Christmas, and Spring Break, there is an increase in the number of students seeking treatment for STDs.

Along with the rise in requests for STD

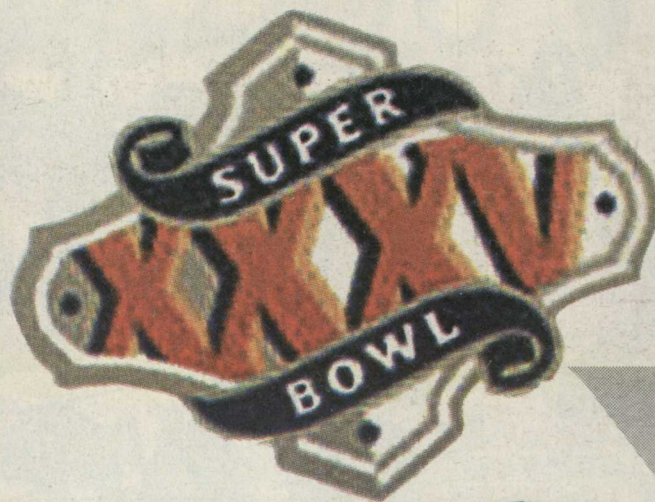
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Miguel Liscano
The Pan American

What: The New York Giants and the Baltimore Ravens face-off Sunday in Super Bowl XXXV.

Where: Tampa, Fla.

When: Kick-off is at 5:25 p.m. on CBS (KGBT channel 4) at 5 p.m. Pre-game show starts at 2 p.m.



New York Giants

SUPER BOWL

GIANTS' PLAY-MAKERS

(POST-SEASON STATS)



5 KERRY COLLINS

Quarterback

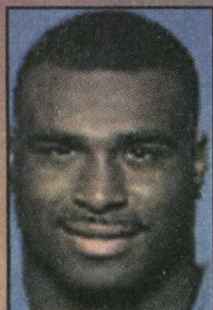
Yards: 506 Interceptions: 2
Touchdowns: 5 Rating: 110.3
Completion %: 69



21 TIKI BARBER

Running Back

Attempts: 27 Touchdowns: 0
Yards: 104 Fumbles: 2
Average: 3.9



#98 JESSIE ARMSTEAD

Linebacker

Total Tackles: 16
Solo Tackles: 10
Sacks: 1.5



#31 JASON SEHORN

Defensive Back

Interceptions: 2
Touchdowns: 1
Passes Defended: 4

With Super Bowl XXXV in Tampa, Fla. only three days away, football-hungry fans are looking forward to the match-up between the NFC champion New York Giants and the AFC champion Baltimore Ravens. A Pan-American sports-writer gives his view on who will win.

By Matt Lynch
The Pan American

Between Kerry Collins' alcoholism and Ray Lewis' murder trial, players are taking a lot of emotional baggage with them to Tampa Bay for Super Bowl XXXV.

In Super Bowls of yesteryear, sports commentators used to examine stats and match-ups. But in today's professional sports, it seems that the players who are most successful at putting their distractions aside perform better in the main event.

Earlier this week, Giants' quarterback (QB) Collins spoke candidly with reporters regarding his alcoholism, answering every question reporters could throw at him. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Ravens' linebacker (LB) Ray Lewis shielded his murder trial past from reporters. If I had to choose which athlete discarded their personal distractions best, my money's on Collins.

Distractions and ticket requests aside, these teams are very close when it comes to defensive football. The history-making Ravens defense has

gotten all the press, but the Giants are also solid defensively. While both teams can shut down the run with ease, the passing game will be key for both defenses.

The Ravens have better athletes in the secondary. Ageless Pro Bowler safety Rod Woodson and defensive back (DB) Chris McAlister are great defenders, but they are going to have their work cut out for them covering the speedy Giants' receivers. The Giants, with the exception of DB Jason Sehorn, lack big names in their secondary, but superstars won't be required to stop the Ravens' passing attack — or lack thereof.

The Ravens' leading receiver during the regular season was tight end Shannon Sharpe, who had 67 receptions for 810 yards and five touchdowns. The Giants, on the other hand, had a 1000-plus yard receiver in Amani Toomer, as well as two other players on the team who caught more than 50 balls for over 700 yards each.

If the Giants can

Matt's Prediction

In order to win, the Giants need to stop runningback Jamal Lewis while the Ravens must put pressure on quarterback Kerry Collins. Overall, the Giants' offense will prove too strong for the Ravens' defense.

Final Score: 17-7 in favor of Giants.

Curious who other Pan-American staff members pick to win Super Bowl XXXV? Find out on page 10.



Baltimore Ravens

RAVENS' PLAY-MAKERS

(POST-SEASON STATS)

#31 JAMAL LEWIS

Running Back

Attempts: 76 Touchdowns: 3
Yards: 236 Fumbles: 1
Average: 3.1



#52 RAY LEWIS

Linebacker

Total Tackles: 26
Interceptions: 2
Touchdowns: 1



#82 SHANNON SHARPE

Tight End

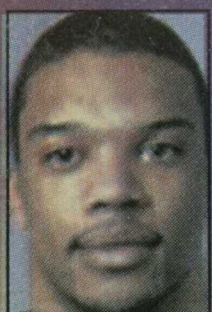
Receives: 5 Longest: 96
Yards: 225 Touchdowns: 2
Average: 45.0



#84 JERMAINE LEWIS

Punt Returner

Punt Returns: 8
Yards: 88
Average: 11.0



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SUPER BOWL VENUES

How many times each venue has held the Super Bowl

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- Super Bowl XXXVI - New Orleans
- Super Bowl XXXVII - San Diego
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- Super Bowl XXXIX - Jacksonville, Fla.

January

Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26 If your New Year's Resolution included getting healthy, Student Health Services will help you meet your goal with an Executive Blood Profile Special from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first floor of Emilia Hall. The event includes screenings for cholesterol, HDL, LDL, ratio, triglycerides and much more. For students, the cost is \$30, and \$40 for faculty and staff. To insure accurate results, do not eat or drink anything (except water) 12 hours prior to screening. For more information call 381-2511.

Tuesday, January 25 through Friday, January 26 Student Health Services offers Tuberculosis skin testing on the first floor in Emilia Hall. The test is \$5 for students and \$8 for faculty and staff. After Jan. 26, TB tests will be regular price. For more information call 381-2511.

Tuesday, January 30 Women's Wellness Clinic sponsored by Student Health Services. Pap smear, pelvic exam and breast exams are at a reduced rate for students, faculty and staff. For appointments call 381-2511.

Tuesday, January 23 The American Cancer Society launches "Mi Vida" Hispanic Cancer Awareness at 10 a.m. at the American Cancer Society Office at 5413 S. McCoy Road in Edinburg. The focus of the campaign is to encourage people to visit their doctor regularly for cancer screenings because early detection of cancer is critical and can save lives. For more information call the American Cancer Society toll-free information line at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Tuesday, January 30 Career Placement Services presents "Dress for Career Success Style Show for Men and Women." Student Union

Theatre at noon. Models will be from UTPA, refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away. For more information, contact Lisette Aveitua at 381-2267.

Through January 31 Student Health Services offers a Flu Shot Special (while supplies last). The shots are \$7 (usually \$10) for all UTPA students, staff and faculty. Student Health Services is located on the first floor of Emilia Hall.

Thursday, February 1 Dr. Patti Lather from Ohio State University will lecture at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Theater. Lather, a professor in educational policy and leadership and women's studies, will discuss "The Possibilities of Paradigm Proliferation in Educational Research." The event is free and open to everyone. For more information contact Dr. Maricela Oliva at 316-7173.

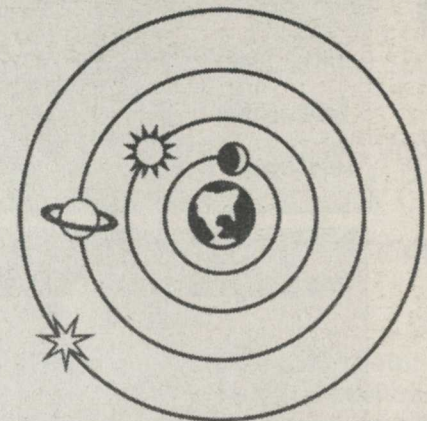
Friday, February 9-11, 16-18 The UTPA Folkloric Dance Company will present their last series of ALEGRIA 2000-2001 concerts. Thirty-six dancers and musicians bring the drama and excitement of Mexico and Spain's dance and music to life. The concerts are held Friday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday Feb. 10 and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., Friday Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. All concerts are in the UTPA Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 381-2230.

Until Monday, February 26 The University Gallery hosts "Homo Mechanicus Defectio" (Human Mechanical Defects) by Lenard Brown. A reception for the exhibit is Jan. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the University Gallery in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building. Admission is free and the gallery is open Monday-Friday. For more information call the gallery at 381-2655.

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money.

"That's just not right!" Cuellar said. "That's just not right! Graduate classes should be smaller. They shouldn't be that large."

If students failed to drop classes before refund deadlines passed, the university made minimally between \$54,235 and \$72,000 from overenrollment.

In the 5 graduate courses with overenrollment, there are 17 graduate students. Consequently, they account for 51 credits (17 times 3 hrs). Assuming graduates have Texas residency status, they will make the university at least between \$4706.46 and \$5,928.75 (17 students taking 3 hours) in tuition and fees.

In the 2 independent labs with overenrollment, there are 2 students. They account for 2 credits hours. Assuming they have Texas residency status and are undergraduates, they will make the university at least between \$250.50 and \$424.50 in tuition and fees.

The remaining 115 classes, 223 students are overenrolled. They account for another 680 credit hours (223 times 3 hrs. plus 11 hours of lab credit). Again assuming they have Texas residency status and pay as undergraduates, they will make the university at least between \$49,279.05 and \$65,450 (about 226 students taking 3 hours) in tuition and fees.

Cuellar, whose Advanced Behavior Management class is overenrolled, said

graduate students should have especially more time for interaction. In his classes, students should present projects at least twice a semester, he said. With larger classes, however, grads present once instead.

"It just takes up too much time," Cuellar said. "They [students] lose the opportunity to fully participate in class."

The problem of overenrollment is not concentrated in any particular academic college. In EDEC 6381 (language development) there are 11 extra students enrolled. One Intro to Lit class, ENG 2303, has 5 extra students. One physical science 1422 class has 10 extra students. Even kinesiology courses got into the act: all racquetball sections are overenrolled.

Conversely, there are almost no cases of overenrollment in some departments. The music department, for example, has allowed no overenrollment and is only maxed out in one class out of well over 100 courses.

Responses to the information provided to The Pan American were not received from administration officials.

David Zuniga, director of Admissions & Records, deferred questions to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness earlier this week.

Dr. Rodolfo Arevalo, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, was out of town Wednesday, his staff said. However, Arevalo was given an opportunity to respond Monday and Tuesday. His secretary said he was in meetings.



— Ilana Garcia Spitz / The Pan American

UTPA groundskeepers clean one of the many flowerbeds southwest of the library. UTPA has recently added trees, new flowerbeds and various shrubs to help beautify the campus.

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in similar labs at other universities. Because electron microscopy is an advanced process, individual student support is imperative.

"The electron microscope needs hands-on direction," she said. "They [14 students] cannot work together."

Kuang did not know why there is only one lab meeting time and no technician assistance, in spite of the number of students.

"That's a good question," she said. "I cannot solve it. We only have three hours for lab. The facility is limited."

Like other professors, Kuang shared a story of a young student needing her class and being added though the section was overenrolled.

"She's going to graduate, so she would not have a chance," Kuang said.

Kuang said she provides "extra time" for her students. She has set up a flexible schedule when students "are free to come and use the equipment," she said.

"I spend more time than regular work," Kuang said. "That's a problem I cannot afford. I spend lots of extra time besides contact with the students in class."

Kuang said her department gave her the impression the university agreed with limiting her labs to 10 students per class section and then dividing them into groups of 5 students per lab.

However, the biology department seems to be enforcing "university policies" only when it is convenient.

Kuang said her proposed two lab sections are not allowed by her department. Her chairman told her it is "the university's policy" to have a "minimum ten students" per lab, she said.

"I don't have ten students for each lab!" she said. "Nothing he can do," he said. That's all."

Aside from her classroom and lab duties, Kuang serves the department by assisting in research activities.

She said there are presently two graduate students working on projects and she is responsible for assisting them. Other professors also ask for her help.

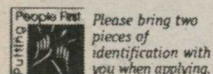
"I have lots of pressure," Kuang said. "I don't have a technician there. I have to deal with all the problems."



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Broncs end streak, defeat Air Force

Special to The Pan American

John Braxton led a balanced attack with 14 points as the University of Texas-Pan American won its first road game of the season by a 66-60 count over the Air Force Academy Wednesday night at Clune Arena.

UTPA led the entire second half, but nearly saw the lead slip away late in the game as the Falcons staged a rally. UTPA took an 11-point lead early in the second half, but the Falcons went on a 10-3 run midway through the period to cut the lead to just one at 49-48. But Terrell Hill came back on the next possession with a dunk to move the lead back to three. That score keyed a 6-0 run that gave the Broncs a

comfortable six-point advantage.

But the Falcons again cut into the Bronc lead behind a three-pointer by Robert Todd. The shot cut the UTPA lead to just four points. But the Broncs hit six of eight free throws in the final 37 seconds of the game to ice the win.

Braxton, a senior from Seabrook, led the way with 14 points. Mire Chatman came off the bench to score 13 points and pulled down a team-high six rebounds. Kyle Sanders and Hill both fought off foul trouble to score nine points apiece. Brian Merriweather also had eight

points. Lamoni Yazzie led a trio of Falcons in double figures with 16 points, including four three-pointers.

The Broncs came out of

the gates strong, scoring the first seven points of the game. However the Falcons cut into the lead and eventually took the lead for the first time at the 12:43 mark on a lay-up by Tom Bellairs. That helped to key an 8-3 run which gave the Falcons their

largest lead of the game at 28-19. But the Broncs went on a 20-0 run at the end of the first half and the start of the second half to take an 11-point lead and never trailed again.

The win was the Broncs first on the road this season and broke a 12-game losing streak on the road overall. With the win the Broncs improved to 8-11 overall. Air Force fell to 5-12 overall. The Broncs will return to action in five days when they travel to Pullman, Washington, to take on Washington State at 9 p.m.

Super Bowl

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the Ravens to use their weak passing game in order to win. If the Ravens are forced to throw the ball, it will play right into the clutches of a Giants' defense that had no trouble with Randy Moss and Chris Carter.

The X-factor in this game will be special teams, and Ravens' punt returner Jermaine Lewis could be critical. Lewis returned two punts for touchdowns during the regular season, but has been quiet during the playoffs. Giants' punter Brad Maynard has had trouble with his punts throughout the year, and if he doesn't keep them high and deep, Lewis is sure to run right through the coverage.

With all of that said, Super Bowl XXXV won't be a blow-out for either team by any stretch of the imagination. If either team scores more than three touchdowns, there will be a host of shocked sports writers all over the world.

Someone once said, "defense wins football games." Unfortunately for the Ravens, that saying doesn't apply when your opponent is the Giants.

It'll be a close game, but the Giants' offense will prove to much for the Ravens' D, and Baltimore's lack of offense will cost it the game. Final score prediction, 17-7 in favor of the Giants.

Super Bowl Picks



Ryan Henry
The Pan American

How did these teams get this far? The Giants will win late in the fourth quarter.

Giants 28-21

Large corporations will make millions of dollars. It will be a good game. Elvis will appear. Naked.

Ravens 72-14



Daniel Garcia Ordaz
The Pan American



Gabriel Hernandez
The Pan American

Baltimore will belittle the Giants offense.

Ravens 24-7

The Ravens will force the Giants to make to many mistakes on offense.

Ravens 17-10



Isaac Chavarria
The Pan American



Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

Only the folks in Baltimore and New York would have predicted this Super Bowl match-up. The Ravens made it to Tampa with the stingiest defense ever in NFL history. The Giants made it . . . well I don't know how they made it. The Ravens' defense should have no problem with Kerry Collins and company. They should win this game with defense. The Giants are 2-0 in the Super Bowl, but that will change by 9:00 p.m. Sunday. The ironic thing is the Giants won their Super Bowl with defense.

Ravens by 3 (10-7)



Guard/Forward Michelle Smith will be looking to help the Lady Broncs gain a win against Belmont in the teams first meeting of the season.

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Track and Field season begins at LSU Invitational

Sports Information

New Head Coach Dan Laufer has assembled an outstanding recruiting class that looks to make the track and field teams competitive immediately.

The University of Texas-Pan American men's and women's track and field teams will start the 2000-01 academic year with a lot of new faces. Not the least of which is new Head Coach Dan Laufer, who takes over the reigns of the program after serving as the assistant coach during the 1999-2000 season.

Laufer's first priority as head coach during the off-season was to recruit the best talent in Texas, and the nation, to get the program off to the best start possible. He brought in a banner class of athletes, 25 newcomers in all, for the coming season.

Probably the biggest impact was made in the field events as the Broncs signed a national class jumpers Valerie Summa and four of the best throwers in the Valley, and among the best in the state last season, J.C. Crosby, Amy Moses, Toni Perez and Isaac Ybarra. Rashaad Ben should make a major impact in the hurdles this season as well.

Going into the season, Laufer feels that the team has the student-athletes it needs to be much more competitive this season, and in the future. "We will be more competitive across the board from throws to distance," said Laufer. "We have upgraded in every area. This is the best recruiting class for UTPA in recent years. I am very excited about the upcoming season."

The Broncs do return some talented athletes this season as well.

Rachel Drury, the school record holder in the pole vault, is back for her third season in Edinburg. Shari Galvin, the Lady Broncs top sprinter over the last two years is also back for her junior campaign. Emmanuel Butler, a former JUCO All-American at Central Arizona College returns for his final season at UTPA in the sprints. Israel Arroyo, Perla Rios and Danny Salazar return to give the Broncs leadership in the distance events.

Though not as athletes, both Dawne Hill and Eugene Asare-Mensah return to assist Coach Laufer this season, now as assistant coaches. Hill, the school record holder in the hammer throw, will be of major assistance with the throwers, while Asare-Mensah, will assist with both the jumpers and sprinters.



-Sports Information

Judy Kotey returns to the Lady Broncs hoping to provide the strength that helped her set a school mark of 40'6.0 in the triple jump in her first collegiate meet in 1999.

The Broncs will be very young in the sprints, with just three athletes returning. However the Broncs have a strong incoming class of sprinters that should make an immediate impact on the team.

Galvin has led the way for the Lady Broncs sprint corps each of the last two years. Last year she won four races and placed in the top five in every race she ran. Her first year in Edinburg she was named UTPA Freshman Athlete of the Year.

Galina Ojeda set the 400-meter hurdles school record in her freshman season and will be looking to improve again this season. Butler is the lone returnee on the men's side and will add leadership and depth to the sprints.

Joining these returnees will be a solid class

of new sprinters, including Earl Arispe, Jaime Aguilar, Ben, Timothy Gutierrez, Gary Haydon, Martin Longoria, Jacob Mancha and Rey Reyes.

Ben finished fourth in the 2000 Texas State Track and Field Meet in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Arispe has personal bests of 38.5 in the 300 meter hurdles, 14.3 in the 110 meter hurdles.

Gutierrez has run a 10.8 in the 100 meter on a 400 meter relay team.

Reyes has personal bests of 10.59 in the 100 meter, 21.79 in the 200 meter and 49.02 in the 400 meter.

"Competition brings out the best in athletes," said Laufer. "We will have some healthy competition this year in the sprints."

The Broncs and Lady Broncs may only have one returning jumper, but Coach Laufer is not worried about his jumping corps. Ben, Christian Cabello, Lovie Mathis and Valerie Summa should combine to give the teams the most talent in the jumps in more than a decade. Rachel Drury, the lone returnee, already owns the UTPA school record in both the indoor and outdoor pole vaults and looks to better those records this year.

Drury broke her own school records last season and picked up a pair of individual titles. She broke the indoor pole vault record by over a foot with a 10'0.75" at the Run-Sport Open. She became the first UTPA women's pole-vaulter to top the 10-foot mark outdoors with a vault of 10'2" at the Texas Relays.

Summa won the Missouri State Track and

Field Championship in the high jump for the second straight year with a state and meet record height of 5'7.5".

Cabello has personal bests of 5'5" in the high jump, 36'6" in the triple jump and 15.49 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Mathis comes to UTPA from Central Arizona College where she finished eighth in the nation in the triple jump last year. She has personal bests of 37'11" in the triple jump and 18'0" in the long jump. Pole vaulters Gilbert Guerra and Michael Sperry has a personal best of 15'6", while Guerra's best is 14'0".

"I am especially pleased with the progress we made with the jumps crew," Laufer said. "Not only are we going to be more competitive in the jumps, we will be looking to score at some of the bigger meets."

LaQuanta Bivens is joined by five newcomers to give the Broncs depth they haven't had in the throws in years. Laufer signed J.C. Crosby, Toni Perez and Isaac Ybarra, and added Amy Moses, giving the Broncs depth and talent for both the men's and women's throws.

Bivens is the lone upperclassman among the throwers and will be expected to be a leader. She is coming off a solid season in 2000 and will be throwing the hammer for the first time this year with the graduation of school record holder Dawne Hill. Moses advanced to the state meet in the discus and took fifth place overall with a throw of 127'1" as a senior. She has career bests of 136'4" in the discus and 42'5" in the shot put.

Crosby was the Valley's top ranked shot put

and discus thrower for the 2000 season. He has personal bests of 59-3 in the shot put and 163-0 in the discus. He won four

meets as a senior, capping off a strong high school career at PSJA.

Perez was a two-time all-region selection in the shot put and was ranked among the top three throwers in the state in the shot put as a senior. His personal bests are 56'1" in the shot put and 136'0" in the discus.

Ybarra finished third in the region in the discus and was an alternate for the state meet in the discus as a senior. He has personal bests of 53'4" in the shot put and 160'1" in the discus.

"We had big shoes to fill with Dawne and Gonzalo leaving," Laufer said. "I think we did a great job in filling the void. We have a lot of talent and much more depth."

The distance team has four veterans returning for the 2001 season, Arroyo, Rios, Salazar, Olaya Teran and Stephen Zarate. Joining them this season will be Ester Alaniz, Margaret Corona, Angie Garza, April Hipolito, Milagros Martinez, Herbert Varela and Patty Villareal.

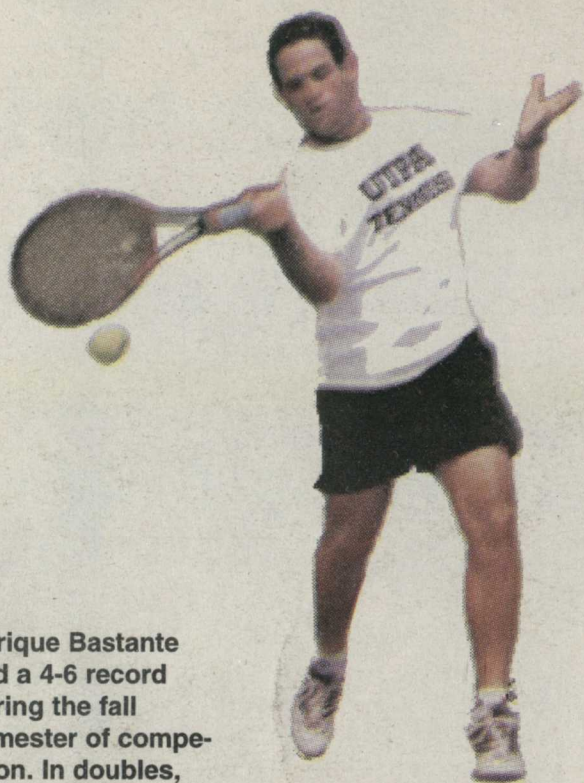
Rios is the lone senior on the women's distance squad and will be counted on to be a leader both on and off the track. Salazar was one of the most consistent runners on both the cross country and track teams last season. He finished in the top-20 twice during cross country season and placed second twice during the track season. Zarate added depth to the track and field team last season.

Varela was the top ranked mile and two-

mile runner in the Valley last year and should also make a significant impact in his first season. Varela has personal bests of 4:34 in the 1,600 meter, 9:49 in the 3,200 meter and 15:45 in the 5,000 meter.

Alaniz was a four-time District Champion at PSJA High School. Angie twice earned bronze medalist honors in the 800-meter at the AA State Championships. Hipolito was among the best cross country runners in the state in each of the last two years, placing 23rd as a senior. Villareal is an excellent overall athlete who will add talented depth to the distance corps. She was district champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter races as a senior.

Men's tennis team faces full weekend of competition



Enrique Bastante had a 4-6 record during the fall semester of competition. In doubles, Bastante had a 4-3 record.

-Sports Information

Matt Lynch

The Pan American

The UTPA men's tennis team started the season by sending three athletes to the Rice Invitational in Houston Jan. 21.

Senior Juan Saiz Picazo, Senior Enrique Bastante and Freshman Alex Cequea represented UTPA at the competition. Picazo advanced the farthest at the event by earning a first-round 6-2, 6-3 victory over UT-Arlington's Nav Kang in Flight C. Picazo's good fortune ran out, however, when he lost 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 to Mithum Murali of Arkansas-Little Rock.

With their first competition of the spring season behind them, the UTPA men's tennis team can now devote its attention to this weekend's competition.

The Broncs open team play and face a full weekend of matches as

Men's 2001 Fall Results

Singles

Name	Tour.	Total
Enrique Bastante	4-6	4-6
Matt Gower	2-6	2-6
Kareem Abdullah	1-5	1-5
Juan Saiz Picazo	3-5	3-5
Brandon Meiners	4-5	4-5
Alex Cequea	5-7	5-7
Pierre Cantu	1-5	1-5
Eric Propst	2-4	2-4
Totals	22-43	22-43

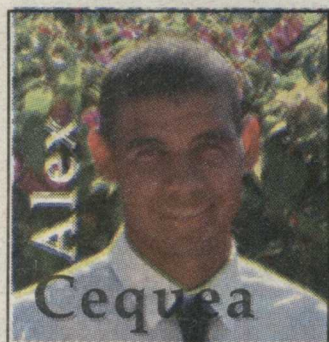
Doubles

Name	Tour.	Total
Abdullah/Gower	0-6	0-6
Bastante/Meiners	2-3	2-3
Cequea/Saiz	2-4	2-4
Cantu/Propst	1-3	1-3
Bastante/Cequea	1-1	1-1
Cantu/Meiners	1-2	1-2
Totals	7-19	7-19

they travel to College Station Friday to face Texas A&M. On Saturday the team heads to Houston to face Southeastern Louisiana, their first Southland Conference competition of the season.

Following this week's action,

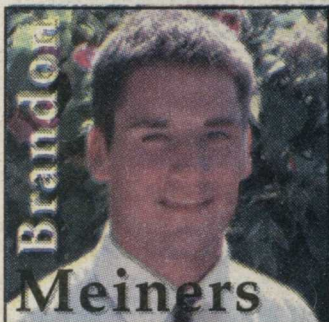
the Broncs have nearly two weeks to prepare for a full weekend of tennis on their home turf. The Broncs will play host to Texas Lutheran and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Saturday, Feb. 10, and Incarnate Word on Sunday.



Cequea comes to UTPA after a strong career at Stratford High School in Houston. Looks to make an impact in his first season on the team. Strong in both singles and doubles.



Has posted 33 combined singles and doubles wins in just two years at UTPA. One of just two players to have a winning singles record with a team high 10 wins last season, one of just two seniors on the team.



The best singles player in the Valley last season, Meiners said that UTPA's strong Computer Science Department played a big part in his decision to stay home. Was a three-time District 32-5A Champion at Weslaco High School.



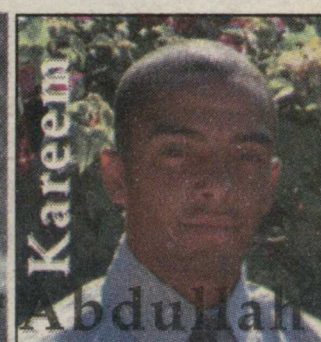
A local athlete who returns home after two years. Propst, who attended McAllen Memorial High School, competed for junior college powerhouse Temple College for the last two years. Will give the Broncs experienced depth.

Spring 2001 Schedule

Date	Day(s)	Tournament/Opponent	Site	Time
1/19-21	Fri.-Sun.	Rice Invitational	Houston, Texas	All Day
1/26	Fri.	at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	12 noon
1/27	Sat.	*Southeastern Louisiana	Houston, Texas	2 p.m.
2/10	Sat.	Texas Lutheran	Edinburg	11 a.m.
2/10	Sat.	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Edinburg	3:30 p.m.
2/11	Sun.	Incarnate Word	Edinburg	2:30 p.m.
2/16	Fri.	at Rice	Houston, Texas	2:30 p.m.
2/17	Sat.	at Texas Southern	Houston, Texas	12 noon
2/18	Sun.	at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas	11:30 a.m.
2/24	Sat.	Texas Wesleyan	Arlington, Texas	9 a.m.
2/24	Sat.	at *UT-Arlington	Arlington, Texas	2:30 p.m.
2/25	Sun.	New Orleans	Arlington, Texas	10 a.m.
2/27	Tues.	*Louisiana-Monroe	Edinburg	3 p.m.
3/3	Sat.	at St. Mary's (Texas)	San Antonio, Texas	2 p.m.
3/6	Tues.	Laredo Community College	Edinburg	4 p.m.
3/9-11	Fri.-Sun.	H.E.B. Classic	Corpus Christi	All Day
3/23	Fri.	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	9 a.m.
3/23	Fri.	Marquette	Memphis, Tenn.	2 p.m.
3/24	Sat.	at UT-Martin	Martin, Tenn.	9 a.m.
3/24	Sat.	at Austin Peay State	Clarksville, Tenn.	3 p.m.
3/25	Sun.	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.	9 a.m.
3/30	Fri.	Alcorn State	Edinburg	12 noon
3/30	Fri.	*Lamar	Edinburg	5:30 p.m.
4/5	Thurs.	*Centenary	Houston, Texas	7 p.m.
4/7	Sat.	*UT-San Antonio	Edinburg	4 p.m.
4/14	Sat.	at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, Texas	2 p.m.
4/19-21	Thurs.-Sat.	Southland Conference Tourn.	San Antonio, Texas	TBA

Home Matches in Bold
*Southland Conference Match

Joins the Broncs after a successful two years at Seward Community College (Kansas). A former Texas State Champion at Clarendon High School. Coach Howard considers Abdullah to be the best athlete on the team.



A transfer from St. Francis College (Pa.), where he played number one in both singles and doubles. Will be fighting for the number one spot in both singles and doubles. Prior to St. Francis, Gower was a world-ranked junior player in Britain.



Arrives in Edinburg after a strong high school career at Eastwood High School in El Paso, Texas. Finished 1999 ranked 22nd in the Southwest Region by the United States Tennis Association in the Boy's 18's Division.



Played primarily number four and five singles. Posted the third best record on the team in singles with a 9-9 mark. Played strong at number two and three doubles. Started the spring season by winning six of seven matches.

